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FOR: NOVEL RHEOLOGY
REGULATORS SUCH AS GROUND
NATURAL CALCIUM CARBONATES
OPTIONALLY TREATED WITH A
FATTY ACID OR SALT AND THEIR USE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 24, 2005, an RCE being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, newly-submitted comparative data, and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.